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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS - REQUEST FOR PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE IN WASHDC AND VICINITY FOR MR. PENTTI SILLANTAU, CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OY ALKO AB (FINNISH STATE LIQUOR MONOLOGY), WHO WILL BE WASHDC DURING NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH 12. SILLANTAU IS CHAIRMAN OF HIGHLY IMPORTANT PARLIAMENTARY FINANCE COMMITTEE. ALKO TAXES AND EARNINGS CONTRIBUTE 8 PERCENT OF FINNISH GOVERNMENT REVENUES.

2. PENTTI ILMARI SILLANTAU BORN MAY 30, 1923 IN SAARIJARVI, FINLAND, FINNISH CITIZEN, MARRIED; EDUCATION: LLB; PRESENT POSITIONS: CONSERVATIVE MP 1962-71 AND FROM 1975, MEMBER JYVASKYLA CITY COUNCIL FROM 1960, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OY ALKO AB FROM 1974; PREVIOUS POSITIONS INCLUDE SECRETARY 1966-69 AND OFFICE CHIEF 1969-74 OF JYVASKYLA UNIVERSITY; HOME ADDRESS: HAUKIVERKKO 8, 02170 ESPOO 17, FINLAND; ENGLISH POOR, INTERPRETER TO BE PROVIDED BY FINNISH EMBASSY IN WASHDC. VISA ELIGIBILITY OK.

3. MR. SILLANTAU WILL COME TO NEW YORK FOR BUSINESS CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 8 AND ARRIVE IN WASHDC ON 9TH WHERE WILL STAY UNTIL 12TH, EXACT TRAVEL SCHEDULE TO BE PROVIDED WHEN CONFIRMED. SILLANTAU WISHES ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING:
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A) SINCE VIRGINIA HAS STATE LIQUOR MONOPOLY LIKE FINLAND,

WISHES MEET WITH VIRGINIA STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITIES. PERHAPS
ALSO LIQUOR AUTHORITIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY; B) IN WASHDC
VISIT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET FOR BRIEFINGS, AND
C) MEET WITH MEMBERS OF STAFF OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE,
HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET
OFFICE. ALL APPOINTMENTS TO BE COORDINATED WITH FINNISH
EMBASSY.
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